

**REMARKS**

Claims 36-40, 43, and 69 have been amended. Claims 36-56 and 69-74 are presently pending. Claims 36-56 have been allowed.

The abstract has been amended in order to conform with M.P.E.P. § 608.01(b).

Claim 36 has been amended to better clarify the invention by stating that the carrier is for a biological specimen. Further, by stating that "a carrier for a biological specimen" this provides sufficient support to distinguish the claim from the prior art. Claims 37-40 and 43 have been amended to better conform with Claim 36.

In Claim 36 the words: "said specimen being in contact with a carrier onto which capture probes for capturing said specimen are fixed" have been deleted. The claim is still relating to a biological specimen and a carrier for the specimen.

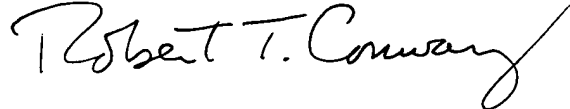
Claim 69 has been amended to claim a solid support member in combination with a carrier, a specimen of biological material, and an electromagnetic inductor for testing or treating the specimen of biological material. The support member includes an electrically conducting material on the surface turning against the side of the carrier carrying a specimen of biological material. The electromagnetic inductor is able to generate a magnetic field.

None of the cited references discloses or suggests a support member in combination with a carrier, a specimen of biological material, and an electromagnetic inductor for testing or treating the specimen of biological material.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

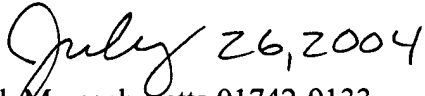
Respectfully submitted,



HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH &  
REYNOLDS, P.C.

Robert T. Conway  
Registration No. 33,859  
Telephone: (978) 341-0036  
Facsimile: (978) 341-0136

Dated:

  
Concord, Massachusetts 01742-9133